DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Memorandum of Conversation

TELEPHONE

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DATE: July 2, 1954
3 p.m.

SUBJECT: Return of Colonel Castillo Armas to Guatemala

PARTICIPANTS: Ambassador John E. Peurifoy, San Salvador
Assistant Secretary Henry F. Holland

COPIES TO: The Secretary
General Smith
Mr. Murphy

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Ambassador Peurifoy called to report that Colonel Castillo Armas had taken off in his plane this morning, but had not returned. He had promised that he would go with Ambassador Peurifoy and that he would send word this afternoon. Ambassador Peurifoy said that it was most essential that Castillo Armas and Monzon enter the city together, so that there would not be any more bloodshed. He asked that Mr. Holland use his facilities to let Colonel Castillo Armas know that he (Peurifoy) was waiting for him there in order to leave for Guatemala.

Mr. Holland promised to do so and asked that Ambassador Peurifoy from San Salvador put in calls to Honduras and Nicaragua to see if they could determine where the Colonel was.

Ambassador Peurifoy said he would place the calls.

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